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*Via ECF*

Honorable Richard M. Berman  
United States District Judge  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: *US v. Emordi, Keith*  
*23-cr-265 (RMB)*

Dear Judge Berman:

I was appointed to represent Keith Emordi pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA"). We have an arraignment and initial conference scheduled before Your Honor on July 11, 2023. I currently have a scheduling conflict on that date as I will be in Atlantic City for a plea hearing. In addition my client resides in Texas. I am respectfully requesting that Your Honor permit Sarah Sacks Esq., whom represents Amadou Ba to stand in for me for the arraignment and initial conference and allow my client Mr. Emordi, to appear virtually. I have discussed this with my client, Keith Emordi, and he has no objection to this request.

Thank you for Your Honor's time and consideration to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Lorraine Gauli-Rufo  
Lorraine Gauli-Rufo, Esq.  
Attorney for Keith Emordi

Cc: Sarah Sacks, Esq.  
Jane Chong, AUSA

Application(s) granted. Defendants who  
reside outside NYS may appear remotely  
with their counsel on July 11, 2023 at  
2:00 pm for the initial appearance.  
In custody defendants and counsel will  
appear in the courtroom at 1:30 pm.

**SO ORDERED:**

Date: 7/6/23

*Richard M. Berman*  
Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.